

Legislative Update: January – August, 2003

Motor Vehicle Code/Commercial Vehicle Violations

PA 9 REGISTRATION PLATE PENALTIES ([MCL 257.255](#)) Revises penalties for driving with no registration plate or expired registration on a non-commercial vehicle from misdemeanor to civil infraction. Effective: September 1, 2003

PA 34 ILLEGAL HANDICAPPED PARKING ([MCL 257.907](#)) Increases civil fine to not less than \$100 nor more than \$250 for illegally parking in a designated space for handicapped use. Effective: October 1, 2003

PA 61 DRUNKEN DRIVING PENALTIES ([MCL 257.625 et seq.](#)) Establishes penalties and sanctions for operating a vehicle while intoxicated at 0.08 grams from 0.10 grams (.08 is per se UBAC), retains a charge of operating while impaired, and adds zero tolerance for any presence of illegal drugs in system. Effective: September 30, 2003

PA 64 TOWNSHIP SPEED LIMIT INPUT ([MCL 257.628](#)) Allow input by townships in setting certain speed limits. Requires unanimous decision between Township, County Road Commission, and MSP before speed limit is changed. Effective: July 22, 2003

PA 65 SPEED LIMIT INPUT ([MCL 257.628](#)) Allows townships to opt out of the speed limit process. Effective: July 22, 2003

PA 66 ACCIDENT REPORT REQUIREMENT ([MCL 257.622](#)) Increases amount of property damage to require a traffic accident report from \$400 to \$1000. Effective: January 1, 2004

PA 142 TRUCK TIE-DOWNS ([MCL 257.719 & 257.720](#)) Revises tie-down requirements for trucks hauling logs or tubular products under certain circumstances. Allows for "crib trucks" to weigh more and be longer only if 23 U.S.C. 127 is amended to allow the same provisions for crib vehicles and a waiver of the tie-down requirements under 49 C.F.R. 393.116 is authorized by the United States department of transportation, federal motor carrier safety administration. Effective: August 5, 2003

Miscellaneous Laws

PA 15 OFFICER IMPERSONATION PENALTIES ([MCL 750.215](#)) Increases penalties for impersonating a police officer. Effective: September 1, 2003;

PA 31 FINGERPRINTING ([MCL 28.425b](#)) Allows local police departments to charge a fee if that agency is providing fingerprint service for CCW applicants. Effective: July 1, 2003

PA 42 E-MAIL ADVERTISEMENTS ([PA 42, 2003](#)) Regulates the transmission of electronic mail advertisements. Effective: September 1, 2003

PA 43 SNOWMOBILE PEACE OFFICER ([MCL 324.82101](#)) Provides definition of peace officer for enforcement of snowmobile violations. Effective: July 14, 2003

Anti-Terrorism Legislation

PA 115 CREDIT UNION FILING REQUIREMENT ([MCL 490.16c](#)) Clarifies credit union filing requirement with an agency of the federal government and/or Department of State Police for suspicious activities. Effective: July 29, 2003

PA 117 SUSPICIOUS FINANCIAL ACTIVITY ([MCL 487.14406](#)) Clarifies bank filing requirements with an agency of the federal government and/or Department of State Police for suspicious activities. Effective: July 29, 2003

PA 118 SAVINGS BANK FILING REQUIREMENT ([MCL 487.3514](#)) Clarifies savings banks filing requirements with an agency of the federal government and/or Department of State Police for suspicious activities. Effective: July 29, 2003

PA 120 SUSPICIOUS FINANCIAL ACTIVITY ([MCL 491.1135](#)) Clarifies savings and loans associations filing requirements with an agency of the federal government and/or Department of State Police for suspicious activities. Effective: July 29, 2003